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A 50 years old lady...

1. Identify the problem (4)

* The patient has realized that truth about her condition is being withheld from her.

* She informed the nurse that she will accept the truth from no other person.

It is normal for a person not to know everything about her health condition.

* She still has the right to refuse, to go along with the operation - that is her autonomy, which the nurse must respect as a principle.

* To do justice the nurse should tell the patient the truth even though the principle of consequentialism will be option out, if she decide to opt out of the operation.

* It is sometimes better for the nurse to ask someone else to do the talking with, in this case the doctor could explain to the patient the severity of the problem. As a nurse she could tell the patient but a doctor might be in a better position.